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Abstract

The spatial variability of recharge is an important consideration in estimating recharge especially as all methods of estimating it are 'point' estimates and in most places recharge varies in space. This paper along with the accompanying paper attempts to find a suitable answer to the question of taking this variability into account in estimating groundwater recharge. This paper attempts to determine if recharge is actually varying in space and that this is 'true' variability and that it is not an artefact of the method used for estimating recharge. It also pulls together information on spatial variability of recharge reported by various workers in the literature, in order to determine if recharge is truly variable in space.

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